Gujarat towns included in the scheme for integrated Development of small and midium towns

1812. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the towns of Gujarat which have been included during the current Five Year Plan period, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, District-wise; and

(b) what amount has been released by the Central Government for each of the towns during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Seven towns in Gujarat, viz., Dessa, Mahuva, Billimora, Visnagar, Upleta, Unjha and Gondal have been included under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns during 7th Plan.

(b) Details of funds released during 7th Plan for new schemes as well as on-going schemes from 6th Plan, are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Funds Realeased (Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Town	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (upto 31-1-88)
1	Anand	9.57	—	—
2	Valsad	6.74	—	—
3	Ankalashwar	3.58	—	—
4	Godhra	1.57	—	—
5	Kalolsaij	10.00	—	—
6	Palanpur	4.00	—	—
7	Dessa	10.15	2.00	—
8	Mahuva	—	4.50	—
9	Mehsana	—	2.74	—
10	Veravalpatan	—	10.00	—
11	Billimora	—	10.00	10.00
12	Visnagar	—	10.00	10.00
13	Upleta	—	6.00	7.00
14	Unjha	—	—	24.00
15	Gondal	—	—	20.00
	TOTAL :	45.61	45.24	71.00

Installation of T.V. Transmitters in Gujarat

1813. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new T.V. transmitters in Gujarat which actually started functioning during the last eight months;

(b) the names of districts in which they have been set up;

(c) the power of each transmitter and the approximate population covered by the new transmitters; and

(d) the number of new transmitters proposed to be set up during the remaining period of the current five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Four low power TV transmitters (100 W), one each in Banaskantha, Amreli, Surendranagar and Junagadh districts of Gujarat were set up during the last eight months. These transmitters provide TV service to about 10.80 lakh people in these districts.

(d) Besides replacement of the existing low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Bhuj by a high power (10 KW) one, five more low power transmitters are proposed to be set up in Gujarat as part of the Seventh Plan.

Revised guidelines to Mini Steel Plants

1814. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued revised guidelines for mini steel plants in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the mini steel plants have been permitted by Government to expand their production capacity; and

(d) whether the mini steel plants are likely to achieve their targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A copy of the relevant extracts from the Press Note No. 4 (1988 Series) issued by Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development, is annexed as Statement (See below). Permission for modernisation and expansion will be given to the mini steel plants which submit proposals in accordance with the guidelines.

(d) No specific target of production for mini steel plants has been laid down.

Statement

Extracts from Press note No. 4 (1988 Series)

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Steel Industry.

The existing guidelines for allowing steel capacity were last drawn up in 1982 and those guidelines have now been reviewed having regard to the technological advancement in the steel industry and the need for modernisation and upgradation of the existing mini steel plants to improve their economic viability and its status in the country. The following guidelines have accordingly been drawn up.

With a view to encourage modernisation of the existing electric arc furnace industry in general and reduce the specific power consumption in particular through the adoption of modern energy saving equipment, enhancement of additional capacity upto 150 per cent in addition to the existing licensed capacity will be allowed to steel making units in production as a result of modernisation including replacement of equipment subject to a categorical power assurance from the appropriate authority. The interested parties will have to satisfy the Department of Steel that adequate steps will be taken to instal requisite facilities that will improve their productivity and reduce consumption of power. For availing of this facility, the entrepreneurs are also required to instal facilities to enable the use of sponge iron to the extent of 30% at a minimum level in their arc furnaces. The maximum level of expansion which would be permitted under this provision would be upto a total capacity of 2,50,000 tonnes per annum. In respect of MRTP Companies, such expansion will be subject to clearance under MRTP Act.